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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For:

OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING AT LEAST

TWO RECORDABLE LAYERS

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination and calculation of fees, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment and the accompanying remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) Optical recording medium [(1)] comprising:

two information carrier layers [(2, 3),] on which information can be written by

means of a focused light beam[,];

a separating layer [(8) arranged] <u>disposed</u> between said information carrier

layers [(2, 3),]; and

[a] two transparent covering [layer (4, 5), which is arranged] layers, each one of said transparent covering layer/disposed between a respective one of said information carrier layer [(2, 3)] and a respective surface [(6, 7)] of the recording medium [(1) and whose], said transparent covering layers having thickness that substantially exceeds [that] the thickness of said information carrier [layer (2, 3)] layers, wherein both information carrier layers [(2, 3)] are semi-transparent.

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2. (Amended) Optical recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein both information carrier layers [(2, 3)] can be read from both sides, but can be written to only from one side [in each case].